

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and for the courtesy extended during a telephone interview on April 26, 2006.

1. Disposition of Claims

Claim 1 is pending in this application.

2. Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention recited. Support for these amendments, for example, may be found in FIG. 1A. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Applicant respectfully notes that these amendments clarify the invention recited in claim 1. These amendments do not alter the scope of the claim, as it is understood by one skilled in the art in view of the specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that no further search is necessary and that these amendments place the claim in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,062,916 (“Aufderheide”). Claim 1 has been amended. To the extent this rejection may still apply to the amended claim 1, it is respectfully traversed.

The present invention relates to a stock sheet for fabricating multilayer flexible wiring board. The plurality of wiring patterns corresponding to the individual layers of a multilayer flexible wiring board are arranged directly on the same surface of a sheet-like substrate in the direction perpendicular to the transporting direction.

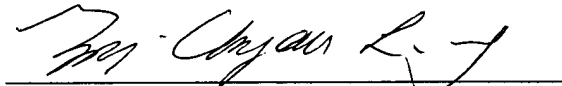
In contrast, Aufderheide discloses multiple circuits disposed on multiple layers; they are not directly on the same surface of a substrate. To anticipate, a prior art reference must teach every limitation of the claim. Because Aufderheide fails to teach or suggest at least one limitation recited in claim 1, the amended claim 1 is patentable over Aufderheide. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03310.023001).

Respectfully submitted,

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